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In late January 1954, the state reserves of various metals (Blockmetalle) which, prior to that date, were controlled by the State Secretariat for the Administration of State Reserves in the Soviet sector of Berlin, were handed over to VEB Berliner Metallhandel, a branch of Deutsche Handelszentrale-Metall. The value of these state reserves amounted to 14,000,000 eastmarks. These state reserves are distributed as ordered by the Metallurgical Division of the Ministry of Heavy Industry. DHZ-M received orders from the Ministry to keep as a reserve, 40 percent of the total quantity on hand. The plans for the release of metals such as magnesium, processed aluminum, recast aluminum and lead, in January, February and March 1954, were contained in a letter, dated 28 January 1954, and sent by the Berliner Metallhandel of DHZ-M.

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